

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 901

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A RESOLUTION to commend Hampton Hotels for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee through the renovation of the National Civil Rights Museum.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable corporate citizens who unite with their local communities to protect the historic sites and landmarks that honor some of the most distinguished people in American history; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Hotels is one such estimable organization. The corporation that recently announced its intention to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with a massive restoration of the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis as part of its award-winning Save-A-Landmark program; and

WHEREAS, the refurbishment of the National Civil Rights Museum will take place in late March and will be the largest effort in the program's history: more than 100 volunteers will help to get the Museum ready for the 40th Anniversary of Dr. King's assassination; and

WHEREAS, to honor the memory of the late Dr. King, Hampton volunteers will be scraping and repainting interior exhibit spaces, landscaping the gardens, and power-washing exterior sidewalks and walls at the museum; and

WHEREAS, housed in the former Lorraine Hotel, the site of the assassination of Dr. King, the National Civil Rights Museum is designed to help visitors better understand the history and lessons of the American Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Hotels has distinguished itself as a public-spirited corporate citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to Memphis, Shelby County, and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the management and staff of Hampton Hotels are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer

State," and they should be specially recognized for their generous efforts to renovate the National Civil Rights Museum in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Hampton Hotels and its management and staff for their honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as they honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and protect the history of the American Civil Rights Movement through their restoration of the National Civil Rights Museum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.